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Oxford Houses

Good Neighbors in Good Neighborhoods

At the end of its first thirteen years Oxford House, Inc. has seventeen individual houses in the Washington, D.C. area and one house in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This pictorial presentation of the individual houses coincides with the signing the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. That law provides the framework for sharing the Oxford House concept and system with recovering individuals throughout the nation. Soon hundreds of communities will learn that residents of Oxford Houses are in fact good neighbors in good neighborhoods.

While a picture may be worth a thousand words, the pictures alone tell only part of the Oxford House story. Individuals recovering from addiction to alcohol and drugs can help themselves recover--both Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous proved that long ago. Oxford House expands that self-help concept of twelve recovery steps, fellowship and meetings to living together in an alcohol and drug free environment twenty four hours a day--for as long as it takes for an individual to feel comfortable without drinking alcohol or using drugs.

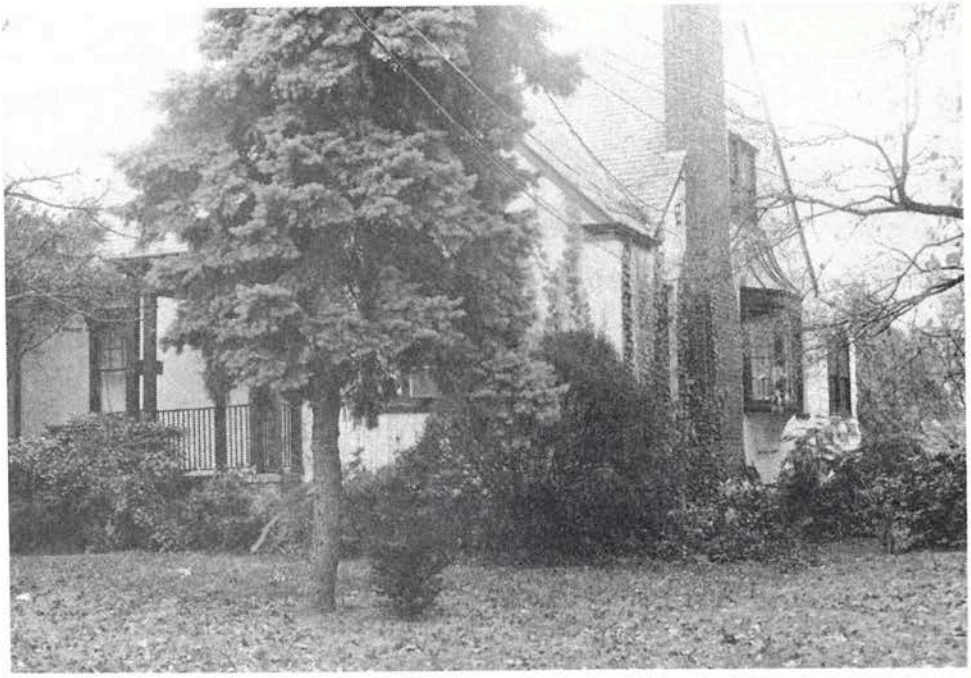
The key to the success of the Oxford House recovery houses is that individuals can stay as long as they do not drink alcohol or use drugs and pay their rent. It is as simple as that and it works. The choice to stay or the choice to leave is an individual choice -- not an arbritrarily time limit established by the need to provide a bed to a newcomer because it is a public facility or anything else. Oxford House recognizes a very simple truth-- individuals are not all the same. Some individuals recovering from addiction will master the lifestyle of comfortable living without the use of alcohol or drugs quickly; others will take a longer period of time. All recovering individuals need the support of AA or NA but some individuals need more support -- particularly during the early stage of recovery.

Oxford Houses are democratically self-run and self-supported. Together recovering individuals help each other to learn to live without triggering their addiction to either alcohol or drugs. Self-support is an important element to recovery. Oxford House offers self-support which builds the self-respect needed to live comfortably without ever using alcohol or drugs.

All that is asked of a community is to let Oxford Houses be good neighbors in good neighborhoods.

Oxford House Kalorama

Founded in 1981 and located in Northwest Washington (just off Connecticut Avenue near Dupont Circle) it is residence to 15 men. It has eight bedrooms, three full baths, one half bath and three refrigerators. Each member pays $60 per week.



Oxford House Garrison

Founded in 1980 and located in Northwest Washington (at Friendship Heights), it is residence for 9 men. It has six bedrooms, three full baths, one half bath, two refrigerators. Each member pays $60 ($70 single) per week.